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Topic: GHSP – Mission and Overview of Initiatives

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Biography:

Mr. Jerningan attended Albemarle Senior High School. He graduated from Pfeiffer College 1979, majoring in criminal justice and sociology. Darrell is a certified state law enforcement officer and criminal justice instructor and holds NC's Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate.

He owned and operated an independent insurance agency for 8 years. Worked as a fraud investigator with the NC Dept. of Insurance for 10 years until Nov. 2003, when he was appointed by Governor Easley to serve as Director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

New highway safety initiatives began during Darrells' tenure include:

- Nuestra Seguridad, a statewide initiative focused on driving issues as they relate to NC's Hispanic population.
- Truckers 4 Safety, concentrating on commercial motor vehicle safety.
- No Need 2 Speed, concentrating on speed related crashes and fatalities
- R U BUCKLED?, a high school parking privilege initiative aimed at increasing seatbelt usage among NC's high school student drivers.

Darrell is married and has two sons. He and his family currently reside in Albemarle.